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their responsibilities have increased, and I don't think their General Fund has increased. So if we expect our parks to be nice I think this fee is appropriate and I think it's necessary.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. We're discussing part three to divided question, on page 4, 18 through 24 lines. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, members, Mr. President. Senator Schrock, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, will you yield?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, I will.

SENATOR SMITH: We're facing budget cuts to agencies throughout the state. Would it be conceivable then with this amendment addressing salary issues within the department that if you work for Game and Parks you're better off than you work...than working for HHS?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Smith, let me point one thing out to you. You may be correct. This bill was brought to us last year, the fee increase, and we addressed another bill this year. They requested a fee increase last year and it was advanced out of committee but had no priority status. So this fee increase was not a response to tougher economic times and I think it's a modest increase. It's per vehicle, not per person. If you want to put six people in the vehicle and go to the parks, divide that by \$18, that's \$3 apiece. I still have my little simple math. I don't need a calculator for that. That's \$3 apiece and you can go 365 days a year. It would increase the daily fee I believe from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per vehicle. But this was not conceived this year. This was an issue we addressed last year during happier times for our budget, and considering they don't come to us but about every eight years for a fee increase, I think it's appropriate that we take a look at it. And I think we did adjust it downward in Senator Beutler's amendment. It has been agreed to by Game and Parks. We've taken \$2 off. So I hope that answers your question, but this is not in response to economic hard times that we're seeing in the state. They would